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All hands worked around the clock to complete their various phases of the [redacted] which was released at 1000. The navy liaison officer (NLO) acting as armed courier delivered the navy copy to COMNAVFORJAPAN. At this time a message was sent to CINCPACFLT informing them of the marginal equipment and laboratory facilities as well as the shortage of laboratory technicians to maintain any schedule less than a ten day interval. (The bottle neck in laboratory handling was four A-9 processing machines of somewhat well used condition with spare parts hard to come by. At best these machines were not designed to handle the special thin base film being used. There was undoubtedly loss of resolution in the film because they were not able to maintain a working solution temperature for optimum results. (It is a tribute to [redacted] and his crew of four that they were able to turn out the work called upon them to do).

Upon return [redacted] selected prints had been made and preparation of supplement one was in progress. At this time a request by the NLO for a set of unsanitized prints was made for sending through channels to FICPAC for a more detailed study, this to be in lieu of being able to request sanitized prints. For the first time the USAF SOP for the operation was made available for study by the other service representatives. (Request was immediately made by the NLO for access, by route sheet, to all message traffic bearing on the operation).

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Supplement one completed and delivery made by NLO to COMNAVFORJAPAN.

Because all navy message traffic stopped at COMNAVFORJAPAN it required practically daily commuting by the NLO [redacted] This resulted in delay of receipt of a CINCPAC message expressing dissatisfaction with the shipping count contained in [redacted] and Supplement One thereto. However, upon receipt by the NLO of this information a detailed count was made from the dupe positive film, resulting in Supplement One Alpha of 14 September 1958. Communication of this report to COMNAVFORJAPAN was by special channels in accordance with directives received.

14 September - 1 October 1958

This period was spent in organizing and establishing procedures for operation of [redacted] Additionally, a training program was set up to

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